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The family of Sha Wetherington was on hand for the unveiling a replica jersey with her No. 7 and nickname on it. The memorial is on the soccer fieldhouse at Packer Park. The ceremony was held before Saturday's game against Brooks County. Shown are, from left, Sha's sister Britney Wetherington Mobley and her daughter Allie; her mother Jeanine, with Jeanine's other grandchildren Libby, Jacey and Sadie Wetherington; Sha's father Duane holding her dog Bo; and Sha's brother Heath and his wife Jennifer. Sha, a three-time All-Region player for the Lady Packers, died in car wreck last June at 22.

Colquitt takes two from Brooks

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MOULTRIE — Natalie Griffin, who played for the Colquitt County girls basketball team in a state tournament game in Atlanta the night before, moved from keeper to the midfield to score three goals in the final 9:45 of the first half to help lead the Colquitt County girls soccer team to an 11-0 victory over Brooks County on Saturday at Packer Park.

Meagan May and Flor Ciniceros also scored three times each in the season-opener, which lasted just 40 minutes.

Matches in which one team is behind by 10 goals or more in the first half are ended there.

The Colquitt County boys team completed the sweep with 8-0 victory in the second game.

May got the Lady Packers on the scoreboard with her first goal just 53 seconds into the match. Jaycee Lott assisted.

Alex Norris put the Lady Packers up 2-0 five minutes later on a liner from outside the 18.

Lott made it 3-0 with 33:06 left in the first half when she punched in a rebound of a teammate's shot.

May completed her hat trick with unassisted goals with 27:48 and 24:11 remaining.

Ciniceros then scored the next three goals in succession.

The first was unassisted. Madison Turner assisted on the second and Lott assisted on the third.

With 9:43 left in the match, Lady Packers coach Jimbo Jarvis moved Ferrell Tyndall into the nets and had Griffin take off her keepers jersey and put on one with the No. 11 on the back.

Four minutes later she scored with an assist going to Lott to put Colquitt up 9-0.

Griffin ensured the game would not go to a second



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Colquitt County soccer player Taylor Page helps start the tradition of touching the jersey of the late Sha Wetherington before going to play Brooks County on Saturday.

half when she punched in another goal with 2:15 left.

She completed her remarkable hat trick with the game's final goal with 1:06 remaining in the first half.

Griffin had started at center for the Colquitt Coun-

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ty girls basketball team that lost 67-63 in double overtime to Westlake High in Atlanta on Friday night.

Before the start of the girls game, a replica No. 7 jersey was unveiled on the side of soccer field house in honor of former Lady Packer Sha Wetherington, who died in a car wreck in June at age 22.

The jersey also was inscribed with Wetherington's nickname "Sha Byrd."

Wetherington was an All-Region player in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and was an outstanding defensive player.

She went on to play soccer at Darton College and graduated from Georgia Southern in May of last year.

Wetherington's initials will be worn on the left sleeve of the Lady Packers jerseys this season.

The Lady Packers also are honor-

ing Turner Raye Fordham, cousin of Lady Packers junior Madison Turner, who is fighting leukemia.

The team will wear her initials on the right sleeve of their jerseys this season.

Jarvis said the girls and boys soccer teams would dedicate the season to Wetherington and Fordham and would start every home match with a moment of silence.

Roberto Ruiz and Carlos Bautista each had three goals and Guillermo Torres added two as the Colquitt County boys had their way in the second match.

Colquitt struck quickly with Ruiz scoring just 1:54 into the match.

Bautista got his first goal at 33:37, a header off a corner kick.

Ruiz scored the next two and

Colquitt led 4-0 with 23:15 left in the first half.

Torres scored the next two goals and Bautista's second goal off a corner put Colquitt up 7-0 at the half.

The second half was shorted to just 20 minutes because of the 7-goal advantage in the first half.

Bautista added his third goal in the second half.

"Ideally, you'd like to see a tougher opponent, but I was glad to see that we had a game plan and we stuck to it," Packers coach Mell Wier said. "We didn't sloppy, which you sometimes see in a blowout."

The Colquitt County teams will play their first region matches of the season on Tuesday when Valdosta visits Packer Park. The girls match will start at 5:30 p.m.